

REMARKS

Rejection of claims 9-15 and 21 under 35 U.S.C. §112

The Examiner rejected claims 9-15 and 21 under 35 U.S.C. §112 second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claims 9-15 have been cancelled. Applicant believes claim 21 is not indefinite as discussed in the previous response. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Rejection of claims 9-15 and 21 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b)

The Examiner rejected claims 9-15 and 22 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Henry. Applicant traverses the Examiner's finding of anticipation of the claims as amended. Henry teaches a method and apparatus for exchanging operands within a microprocessor, specifically, Henry teaches exchanging data from a primary register R1 with a single secondary register R2. Applicant believes the cited art does not teach or suggest the claimed invention as amended herein.

Claim 21

Claim 21 was amended in response to an examiner interview to more explicitly indicate that the active thread is different than the selected thread, and to include the limitation of former claim 22. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Applicants have amended claim 21 and cancelled claims 1-20 from further consideration in this application. Applicants are not conceding in this application that those claims are not patentable over the art cited by the Examiner, as the present claim amendments and cancellations are only for facilitating expeditious prosecution of the allowable subject matter noted by the examiner in the Examiner interview. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to pursue these and other claims in one or more continuations and/or divisional patent applications.

Conclusion

In summary, none of the cited prior art, either alone or in combination, teach, support, or suggest the unique combination of features in applicant's claims presently on file. Therefore, applicant respectfully asserts that all of applicant's claims are allowable. Such allowance at an early date is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if this would in any way advance the prosecution of this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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